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**FIRST LEAD MCCONE**

WASHINGTON, JAN. 31 (AP)—SEN. MARGARET CHASE SMITH, R-MAINE, TOLD THE SENATE TODAY SHE WOULD VOTE AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF JOHN A. MCCONE AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THE SENATE SCHEDULED A VOTE AT 2 P.M. EST.

THERE WAS EVERY ADVANCE PROSPECT THAT MCCONE WOULD GET SUBSTANTIAL SENATE APPROVAL FOR THE JOB. HE IS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND A REPUBLICAN WHO SERVED IN THREE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

MRS. SMITH SAID SHE DOES NOT CONSIDER MCCONE QUALIFIED FOR THE CIA DIRECTORSHIP. SHE SAID HE HAD HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD. SHE ADDED MCCONE HAD TESTIFIED HE HIMSELF HAD SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS BUT DID NOT RAISE THESE WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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